STATEMENT OF REASONS

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 25

FALCONRY REGULATION

W.S. §23-1-302(a)(i) directs and empowers the Commission to fix season and bag limits, open, shorten or close seasons on any species or sex of wildlife for any type of legal weapon, except predatory animals, predacious birds, protected animals and protected birds, in any specified locality of Wyoming, and to give notice thereof.

W.S. §23-1-302(a)(xxii) provides the Commission the authority to promulgate such orders as the commission considers necessary to carry out the intent of this act.

The title of this regulation is being changed to "Falconry and Raptor Propagation Regulations" to incorporate raptor propagation into existing falconry regulations. A new Section 13 is being added to incorporate raptor propagation rules.

"Old" Sections 2, 14, 15 and 16 have been deleted from this regulation in compliance with the Governor's rules initiative and direction to reduce the number and length of rules where possible.

Edits were made to new Section 7(n)(i) and (ii). These two subsections were incorrectly located under Section 7(n) and have been moved to correlate to the two (2) permittee options for dealing with a raptor injured by their trapping efforts under Section 7(m).

Minor grammatical and formatting edits have been incorporated to provide additional clarity but do not change the intent of the rules and regulations.